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In re Application of:
Geoff BARRETT
Application No. 09/159,748
Filed: September 23, 1998
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
RESTRUCTURING A BINARY DECISION
DIAGRAM

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision in response to the petition filed April 12, 2004 under 37 CFR § 1.181 requesting the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

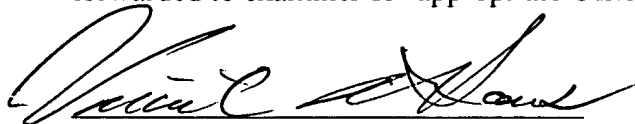
This application was held abandoned for failure to timely file an appeal brief after filing a Notice of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal was received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 06, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 25, 2004.

A review of file record indicates that both the original RCE and the five (5) months extension of time filed March 05, 2004 were in the file. A notice of improper request for RCE was mailed on March 31, 2004 to inform applicant that the request for RCE was not filed before abandonment of the application.

The application should not become abandoned before March 07, 2004 (i.e., seven months after receiving the Notice of Appeal). The mailing of Notice of Abandonment on February 25, 2004 was premature.

Petitioner has established that a timely and proper RCE was filed. The Notice of Abandonment and the Notice of Improper request for RCE are hereby withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center support staff to process and enter the RCE filed March 05, 2004. From there, the application file will be forwarded to examiner for appropriate Office action.

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